

ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 1/12/23

PRESENT: Todd, Greg, Richard, Nancy, Tony, Kathy, Fr. Corey, Russ

ABSENT: None

GUEST: Maddy Lusty

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30PM.

FR. COREY COMMENTS:

- No Mass on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Fr. will be on annual retreat at Holy Hill, Wisc. Adoration will begin, as usual, at about 5:30PM.
- St. Ann Finance Council will be meeting on Jan. 26.
- Fr. will be away the weekend of Feb. 4 & 5. Fr. Jurkovich will be doing the Masses --- including the Latin Mass on the 5th.
- The Midnight Mass that was scheduled for Christmas Eve is now scheduled as a High Mass at the regular Sunday Latin Mass on Jan. 29th.
- There will be a Eucharistic Retreat, led by Fr. Corey, on February 25th at St. Ann. The Retreat will go to 3:30 then Rosary prior to Mass.
- Deacon Mike will preach at all BCCC Masses on March 4 and 5. He will then lead a 3-day Mission on the 5, 6 and 7 (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday).
- There will be a Koinonia program at Sacred Heart on Mar. 31 and April 1 & 2.
- As discussed at the December meeting, Lectors will now be processing with the Gospels at beginning of Mass. This was implemented at the last Saturday evening Mass.

Maddy Lusty, Coordinator of Music, related recent and ongoing events related to the BCCC Music Ministry.

- Continuing to recruit Parishioners with "good singing voices" to join a choir group at St. Ann.
- Presently there are two girls singing at the 4 PM Mass. Hopeful that more will join to form a youth girls choir.
- On Wednesday and Friday she has been going to Sacred Heart School for music instruction --- that has had good results, especially with the older students.
- A student singing group has participated in Masses at Sacred Heart with very good results. Discussion ensued as to how this could be done at a St. Ann Mass. A suggestion was made that a group could be invited to sing at St. Ann and then host a dinner for them after Mass. Per Maddy, at least 10 students would be needed. No specific action was taken.
- Also has been working with the Faith Formation Students on occasion.
- More organists would be helpful --- especially since Christy is now often away with Vern on Statewide KC responsibilities. There are a couple of possibilities for the future --- but nothing immediate.

OLD BUSINESS:

RECTORY AND CHURCH ROOF INSPECTIONS --- Todd

- Todd has talked with contractor Mark Koski. Koski will provide an estimate for replacement of the Rectory roof.
- Koski is unable to do an estimate on the Church roof until taking a closer look in the Spring. After a preliminary exam he felt that, due to the fact that the Church roof is so new it may not have sustained damage that would warrant a replacement --- but a closer, more thorough, inspection may change that opinion.
- When the Rectory estimate is received, Todd will forward copies to PC and Finance Council members.

MEETING ROOM SHELVING --- Todd

- The Ladies Guild had been asked to provide input as to thoughts on meeting room organization and they have reviewed and discussed the project.
- The LG prefers to maintain the cupboards which contain the tea party china as they provide better cleanliness than open shelving.
- The LG also recommends the tables (in the meeting room) stay up and in place rather than be taken down and stored between uses.
- During PC discussion it was suggested that perhaps some items in the meeting room could be moved to other storage areas such as the area off the Chapel.
- This item will remain on the agenda with action likely deferred to Spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE --- Greg

Account Balances:

- Checking \$27,900.37
- Building and Renovation \$18,369.94
- Investment Pool \$99,948.08

St. Ann will get back \$1,173.98 from Sacred Heart Parish due to recalculation of the shared expense percentage.

Our UPSCA pledges/contributions are at 119% of assessment. Currently we would be getting back \$2,544 from the Diocese.

Motion to accept the Finance Report by Tony. Second by Richard. All approved.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FINANCE ---- Kathy

- A couple of post-budget negatives have occurred. One is that the dollar amount contribution from the Endowment Fund was reduced due to the goal of maintaining draws to a specific percentage of the Fund balance.
- All things considered the School financial situation is good.
- SHS has been named in a will and will be receiving funds.
- The new teacher is doing very well.
- Bus expenses are increasing. Additional funding may be needed for this budget item.
- A parent of two SHS students, Rehn Hoene, is helping SHS with forming a “financial development plan”. He is experienced with fund raising for Catholic Schools.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND EVENTS --- Richard

- Has attended his first meeting.
- SHS is looking at publicity to get more information out to the public.
- Student tuition is being reviewed and may be increased going forward. It was noted that there a number of tuition supplement sources available.
- Cost per student at SHS is currently estimated at \$8k.
- Evaluations from the Diocese indicate that “Catholic Identity” is being well implemented within the SHS instructional program. Richard and Fr. Corey, along with others from BCCC, are on the Catholic Identity Committee to aid in furthering this effort.
- SHS Advisory Committee is working on “family fun events” such as snowshoeing and other field trips.
- Students are organized into “family groups” which are smaller groups that include students from all classes and ages ---- from the youngest to the oldest.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS ---- Todd

- Many of the fluorescent lights in the basement area are failing. Upon inspection and review with electrician it has been learned that the fixtures are very old. Recommendation is to replace the fixtures with LED lights. After discussion there was general consensus to move forward with the LED replacements. Todd will get quotes for action at a future meeting.
- Repair on the panels in the barrier-free entrance is still an issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

- There was much discussion on the procedure for Mass cancellations. Fr. explained that cancellations due to weather events are the call of the Parish Priest and not a Diocesan directive.
- There was much agreement that the decision to cancel the Christmas Eve Masses (6:30 and midnight) as St. Ann was prudent and definitely the proper thing to do.

- There were more than 1000 log-ins for the 4:00 Mass at Sacred Heart.
- Apparently some Parishioners who do not have computers, or do not have access to Flocknotes did get to the Church to find no Mass. After discussion, Kathy volunteered to work on establishing a “calling tree” in order that folks without computer and Flocknote access will be assured of notification in the case of any future Mass changes or cancellations.

ALTAR CROSS

- It was brought up that several Parishioners have asked if it would be possible to have a larger cross on the altar.
- Fr. noted that a larger cross could be quite expensive. He is aware that some Churches in the Diocese may have larger crosses that are no longer being used and may be available at a reduced cost ---- and further that the cost of refurbishing a previously used cross would be much less expensive than a new one.
- Fr. offered to learn if there are any opportunities for such a purchase and PC members concurred.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:00 PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.